

**News Release** 

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Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announces three new cases of COVID-19 on July 3

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office reported three new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, July 3.

Today's cases are all adult residents whose sources of infection are considered community-acquired. All active cases are in isolation, and close contacts are being identified, offered testing, and directed to quarantine. Investigations are ongoing.

"As we are seeing cases islandwide, it is more important now than ever to get vaccinated," said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer. "Vaccination is our strongest tool for controlling community spread. If you haven't been vaccinated, please consider doing so today."

In response to the number of cases, free testing at the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall will be open on Monday, July 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free testing is regularly open at the Convention hall, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Testing is also available through your primary care physician, a hospital, or an urgent care clinic. Please contact those providers directly for more information. For more details, visit <a href="https://www.kauai.gov/covidtest">https://www.kauai.gov/covidtest</a>.

Today's cases bring the number of active cases to 25, with one hospitalized, and 432 cumulative cases. Kaua'i's cumulative case count includes 388 confirmed locally, three probable, and 41 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, as they received their pre-travel test results after arriving on island.

If you have symptoms or are feeling sick, you should isolate yourself immediately, stay away from household members, and not go out – including to work or school – unless you are seeking testing or getting health care. Those who have been vaccinated should still be tested if they believe they may have been exposed or if they feel sick.

Residents aged 18 and older are eligible for any vaccine available at pharmacy, hospital, and clinic locations. The Pfizer vaccine has been authorized for use in those 12 years of age and older, and appointments are available at Kaua'i hospitals and pharmacies for this age group.

Vaccination is free and widely available on the island, including on weekends and evenings and pop-up vaccination opportunities at community sites. Many vaccination sites accept walk-ins. For details, visit <a href="www.kauai.gov/vaccine">www.kauai.gov/vaccine</a>. Those who plan to travel can protect themselves and their families by being fully vaccinated before traveling.

For more information on the county's COVID-19 response, visit <a href="www.kauai.gov/COVID-19">www.kauai.gov/COVID-19</a>.

For more information on the state's COVID-19 cases or the state's Safe Travels program, visit hawaiicovid19.com.

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